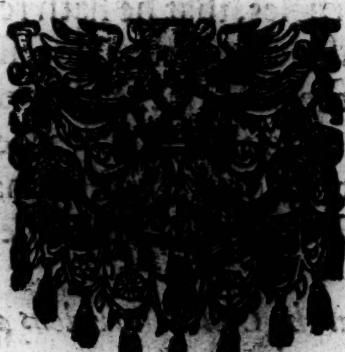


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ARTICLES TO BE ENQVIRED of in the trienniall Visita- tion of the Diocesse of **EXETER.** *Holden Anno 1627.*

By authority of the most Reuerend
Father in God, **G E O R G E** Lord Archbishop *Abbot*
of **C A N T E R B Y R** His Grace, Primate
of all **E N G L A N D** and
Metropolitan.



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~~THE OATH OF THE CHURCH-WARDENS AND SIDE-MEN.~~

YOU shall duely enquire, and true presentment make, of all offences done within your Parish against his Majesties Ecclesiasticall Lawes, together with the names of the feuerall offenders, especially such as concerne these Articles now giuen you in charge. So helpe you God.

A Monition to the Minister to reade these Articles in his Church.

THE Minister is to intimate vnto his Parishioners the first Sunday or Holy day after the receipt of these Articles, that he hath receiuued Articles for the trienniall Visitation of the Diocesse of EXETER, and presently after the publique reading of them he is to deliver the Booke vnto the Head-warden, requiring him and his assistants to looke to their Charge. And the said Minister is to afford his best helpe therunto.

It is wished that the Church-wardens and Side-men would bring with them their Presentments ready written, with their names subscribed thereunto.

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Articles concerning the Clergie.

1. **N**primis, whether hath your Minister read the Constitutions, set forth by his Maiestie, once every yeare, vpon some Sundayes or Holydayes in the afternoone before Divine-Seruice as he is bound?

2. Whether doth your Minister or Preacher in his prayer before his Sermon, vse to pray for the Kings Maiestie, King Charles, Queene Mary, and all the Royall progenie, with his whole Title, as King of Great Britaine, France, and Ireland, Defender of the faith, &c. and in all causes, and ouer all persons within his Highnesse dominions, as well Ecclesiasticall as Temporall, next and immediatly vnder God Supreme Gouverour? And whether doth he then in like manner pray for the Arch-bishops, and Bishops, as by the Law is also appointed?

3. Whether doth your Minister vse the prescript forme of divine Service vpon Sundayes, Holy dayes, Wednesdayes, and Fridayes, according to the Booke of Common prayer? And whether doth your Minister duely obserue all the Dyers, Rites, and Ceremonies prescribed in the Booke of Common prayer, aswell in reading publike prayers and the Letany, as also in administering the Sacraments in such manner and forme, without omission or addition, as by the booke of Common prayer by the Law now established is enspyned.

4. Whether doth your Minister administer the holy Communion so often, and at such times, as that every Parishioner may receive the same at least thrice in every yeare, whereof once at Easter, as by the Booke of Common prayer is appointed?

5. Whether doth your Minister receive the same him selfe on every day that he ministreth it to others, kneeling at the same, and ministreth to none but such as doe kneele at the receiving therof, and vse the words of the institution, according to the booke,

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at every time that the bread and wine is received in such manner and forme, as by the prouiso of the 12. Canon is directed: or wherein is he faulty touching the premisses, and whether is warning given by him before hand for the Communion, as the 22. Canon requireth?

6 Whether doth your Minister use the administration of the Lords Supper, Baptisme, instruction of chiloren, solemnization of Matrimony, visitation of the sick, buriall of the dead, the Communion, and Churching of women, under such words, Rites, and Ceremonies as are set forth and prescribed by the said Booke of Common prayer, and no other?

7 Whether hath your Minister admitted to the Communion any notorious offendours, or Schismatikes, contrary to the 26. and 27. Canons?

c 8 Whether your Minister, together with the Church-wardenes and Questmen, doe take diligent care and heed, not only that all & every one of your owne parishioners do receive thicke in euery yeere, as aforesayd, but also that no strangers of any other Parish doe come often, and commonly to your Church from their owne Parish Church, contrary to the 28. Canon? And you are now to present the names of all those, who being of the age of 16. yeeres, or vpwards, haue not in their owne Parish, ac, or since Easter last, received the Communion according to the 1.12. Canon.

cc 9 Whether doth your Minister use to signe chiloren with the signe of the Crosse when they are baptized, according to the booke of Common prayer? and whether he hath deferred, or wilfully refused to baptize any infant in his Parish, being in danger, having been duly informed of the weaknesse thereof, and whether the childe hath died in his default without Baptisme, or whether he at any time refused or neglected to bury the dead, or to minister the Sacrament of the Lords Supper to any beeing in extremity of sicknesse, hauing been required therunto?

10 Whether is your Parson or Vicar continually resident on his Benefice, as he ought to be? and whether doth he in his owne person Preach and Catechize in your Parish while he is resident with you? And how long in euery yeere is he absent from your Parish? and when he is so absens, doth he reside on any other Benefice

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where or Cure of soules, or where doeth hee employ himselfe vpon
ring his absence from you?

1.1 Whether doeth your Minister preach usually, according to
the Constitutions, either in his owne Cure once every Sunday,
or else in some other Church or Chappell neare adioyning, where
no Preacher is, or how often hath hee been negligent in that ve-
hale?

1.2 Whether doeth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, in their
Sermons deliuer any doctrine different from the Articles of Re-
ligion established, & from the doctrine of the Church of England?
or doe they handle Controversies, or questions in their Sermons
in opposition to doctrine or preaching of any other Minister, where-
by division or difference groweth among the people? you shall di-
ligently enquire and present what questions or Controversies they
haue so handled in their Sermons, and when?

1.3 Whether is your Minister a Preacher allowed; if yea,
then by whom? if no, then doth he procure Sermons to be prea-
ched among you once in every moneth at least, by such as are law-
fully licensed?

1.4 Whether hath your Minister any other Benefice, and whe-
ther doth he supply his absence by a Curate that is licensed to
preach in that his Cure, whereon he himselfe is not resident, or o-
therwise in case hee doth not finde a preaching Minister there, by
reason of the smallnesse thereof, whether doth he preach at both his
Benefices usually himselfe, according to the 47. Canon.

1.5 Whether is your Curate licensed to serue by the L. Bi-
shop of the Diocesse, or his Chancellor, and whether doth he serue
any more Cures than one; if yea, what other Cure doth hee
serue, and how farre are they distant one from the other; and whe-
ther hath your Curate any Benefice or Cure of soules besides
your Cure?

1.6 If your Minister be not licensed to preach, whether doth he
take vpon him to expound the Scriptures, either in his own Cure
or elsewhere, contrary to the 49. Canon.

1.7 Whether hath any person been admitted to preach within
your Church or Chappell, but such as you haue well knownen to be
sufficiently licensed? you shall present their names whom ye haue
so admitted, how often they haue preached, by whose procurement.

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and whether are the names of all strange preachers written and set downe in a booke ordained for that purpose :

18 Whether haue you caused euery strange preacher, licensed or not licensed, to subscribe his name, according to the 50. and 52. Canons, and whether haue they or any other preached in your Church, not being soberly and decently apparelled, according to the 74. Canon.

19 Whether doeth your Parson, or Vicar, or Lecturer, reade diuine Seruice, and administer the Sacraments in his owne person twice euery yeere, obseruing all the Ceremonies in the booke of Common prayer, established according to the 56. Canon.

20 Whether doeth your Minister weare the Surplice while he is saying the publike prayers and administering the Sacra- ments, and if he be a Graduate, whether doth he also weare upon his Surplice during the times aforesaid, such a hood, as by the Dya- vers of the Universitie is agreeable to his degree ?

21 Whether doth your Minister every Sunday and Holyday before Evening prayer, for halfe an houre or more, Catechize and instruct the yong and ignorant persons of your parish in the tenne Commandements, the Articles of beliefe, and the Lords prayer, and whether doeth he use the Catechisme set forth in the booke of Common prayer, & instruct and teach them in the said Catechisme, or what Catechisme else doth he use, and whether be the chyldeyn and ignorant persons sent at that time to the Church to be Cate- chized and instructed by the Minister, & if not, you are to present the names of those that make default in not sending them.

22 Whether doeth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate preach, teach or catechize in your Church or Chappell at vnusuall houres in the morning or euening, or doeth he assemble into your Church or Chappell any of your Parish, or other places, there to preach, or vle any other exercise of Religion at such vnusuall houres, ouer and besides the vsuall houres appointed for diuine Seruice and Sermons? or doth he preach or teach, or vle any exercise of Religion in any such assembly, in any priuate house or place? you shal diligently enquire what assemblies haue bin so gathered together, to what number, and how long they haue remained together, and what Sermons, Catechizing or other exercise of Religion haue been used at such times, and how often?

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23 Whether hath your Minister without license from the Court of Faculties, or from the Archbisshop, or Bisshop of the Diocesse, or his Chanceller, solemnized marriage betwixt any parties, the Banes being not three severall Sundayes or Holydayes first published in time of diuine Service in the severall Churches or Chappells of their severall abodes according to the booke of Common prayer, or without license in time prohibited, albeit the Banes were so published, or at any time except betwixt the houres of 8. and 12. in the forenoone : or hath your Minister married any of another Diocesse, or hath any of your Parish been married in another Diocesse ; if any haue been so married, or licensed to marrie by any authoritie, other then the aforesaid, you shall present the Minister so marrying, the parties so married, and the authoritie whereby this was done :

24 Whether hath your Minister since the last Canons published, solemnized any marriage betwixt any persons being vnder the age of 21. yeeres, although the Banes haue been thrice asked, before such time as the parents haue made knowne to him their consents thereunto, contrary to the 100. Canon ?

25 Whether doth your Minister vpon Sundayes at Morning prayer declare to the Parishioners what Holydayes and fasting dayes are appointed to bee kept the weeke following according to the booke of Common prayer ?

26 Whether doth your Minister in the Rogation dayes use the perambulation of the circuit of the Parish appointed by Law : And in the same perambulation moue the people to give thankes to God for his benefites, vsing such Psalms and Prayers as are to that end set forth ?

27 Whether hath any (being no Minister or Deacon) presu- mes to reade common Prayer openly in the Church or Chappell, or to serue the Cure of the Parish ? And whether hath any Deacon, not hauing receiuied the full Ordners of Priesthood, administered the Sacraments in your Church or Chappell ? and you are to present the name of any that hath offended herein ?

28 Whether doth your Minister euery sixe moneths denounce in your Parish all such as doe perseuer in the sentence of Excommunication, not seeking to be absolved : and whether hath he sayd diuine Service while any excommunicate person hath been pre-

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Sent to the Church, or hath admitted any person excommunicate, into the Church without a certificate of his Absolution from the Ordinary, or other competent Judge?

29 Whether doth your Minister, being a Preacher, endeavour and labour diligently with mildenesse, and temperance to reclaine Popish Recusants in his Parish from their errors, if there be any such abiding there? and whether any of them beeing so offendred conference by your Minister, doth refuse it.

30 Whether is your Parson, Vicar, or Curate too much frequent, or ouer conversant with, or a fauourer of Recusants, whereby he may be suspected not to be sincere in Religion.

31 Whether hath your Minister, or any other taking vpon him the calling of a Minister, preached, baptizeth children, (except in case of necessicie) solemnized Marriage, Churched any woman, or ministered the holy Communion in any private house or houses, otherwise then by Law is allowed; if yea, then where? whom? when? and how often hath he offended in any of the premisses?

32 Whether doth your Minister resort to such as bee sickle, to instruct and comfort them in their distresse, according to the booke of Common prayer.

33 Whether doth your Minister carefully looke to the relieve of the poore? and whether doth he from time to time call vpon his Parishioners to conferre and giue somewhat, as they may spare to godly and charitable uses, especially when they make their Testaments?

34 Whether doth your Minister vse such decencie and comeliness in his apparell, as by the 74. Constitution is enjoyned him; and is he of sober behauour, and one that doth not vse such bodily labour as is unseemely for his calling?

35 Whether doe you know any in your Parish, that having heretofore taken vpon him the order of Priesthood, or a Deacon, hath since relinquished the same, and betaken himselfe in the course of his life as a Lay-man, or neglecting his vocation, liuech solely, seruing no Cure, nor preaching any where?

36 Whether is your Minister noted or reputed to bee an intollent person, a frequenter of Tavernes, or Alehouses, a common Gamester, or plater at Dice, a common swearer or drunkard, or lawle in any other crime punishable by Ecclesiastical censures,

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ture, whereby he is offensive or scandalous to his function or ministerie?

37 Whether doth your Minister use the forme of Thanksgiving for women after their child-birth? and whether hath he admitted any thereunto that was begotten with child in adultery, or fornication, without licence of his Ordinary?

cc 38 Whether hath your Minister received any excommunicatiōn, suspension, or aggrauation from the Bishop of this diocese, his Chancelloz, or other Ordinary against any of his parishioners which he hath presumed to make stay of, and not published such excommunication, suspension, or aggrauation, the next Sunday or Holyday after the receipt of the same in time of Divine Service in your Church or Chappell?

Articles concerning the Church.

1 **V**Whether haue you in your severall Churches or Chapels, the Booke of Constitutions or Canons Ecclesiasticall, ready to be read by the Minister, according to his Majesties pleasure published by his Highnesse authority under the Great Seale of England?

2 Whether is there in your Church or Chappell one parchment Register Booke provided for Christenings, marriages, and burialls? and whether is the same duely and exactly kept, according to the Constitutions in that behalfe provided? and haue the Churchwardens exhibiced a transcript thereof into the Lord Bishops Registry, every yeere since the last triennall Visitation, as by the 70. Canon is required?

3 Whether you haue provided the Booke of Common Prayer, lately set forth by his Majesties authority, and the Booke of Homilies, and a large Bible of the last Edition? And whether haue you in your Church or Chappell a Font of stone set up in the ancient vsuall place, a conuenient and decent Communion Table, with a Carpet of silke or some other decent luffe, and a faire linen cloth to lay thereon at the Communion time? And whether is the same Table placed in such conuenient sorte within the said Chancell or Church, as that the Minister may bee best heard in his prayer, and administration, and that the greater number may communicate

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minate: And whether are the Ten Commandementes set vpon the East end of your Church and Chappell where your people may see and read them, and other sentences of holy Scriptures written on the walls likewise for the same purpose?

4 Whether haue you a conuenient Seat for your Minister to read Service in, together with a comely Pulpit set vp in a conuenient place, with a decent cloth or cushion; haue you two faire and fiftynge Surplices with sleeves for your Minister, and another without sleeves for your Clarke; a faire Communion Cup of siluer, and a couer agreeable for the same, with all other things and ornaments necessary for the celebration of Divine Service, and administration of the Sacraments, and a strong Chest for the Almes of the poore, with thre lockes and keyes, whereof the Minister is to keepe one key, and another chest for the keeping of the ornaments of the Church, and Register Booke: And haue you your accustomed number of Belles fit and serviceable for ringing?

5 Whether the houses and buildings belonging to your yeare Parsonage or Vicarage, with the walls, hedges or fences be in good and sufficient repaire; and if they be decayed, how long haue they beeene in such decayes, and to what valem, and whether your Parson and Vicar doth vse any indeauour, for, and towardes the repairing thereof? you shall diligently enquire and present the same: And whether the Patron hath taken away part of his glebe, or mingled it with his owne land?

6 Whether are your Church or Chappells, with the Chancells thereof, and all things thereto belonging decently and comely kept aswell within as without; and are the Seates of your Church well maintained? if not, then through whose default, and what the defects are?

7 Whether is your Churchyard well and sufficiently repaired with walles, raples, or pales, according to the 85. Canon? If not, then through whose default any part is left vnrepaired, and at whose charge the same is to bee repaired? And haue there bee ne of late cut downe any trees growing in your Churchyard, or in the fences of the same, by whom, and to what vse hath the same beeene employed: and is the Churchyard any way annoyed or defiled by any beasts, or carriage into it? And hath any person excommunicated,

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cates, or any Recusant convicted, or any that hath destroyed their
owne life beene buried in your Church or Churchyard?

8 Whether hath any person encroached on the ground of the
Churchyard? and if hee hath, what quantitey of ground hath hee en-
croached? And whether is any part of your Churchard encroached
on, or encumbered by Tombes or Monuments erected without the
allowance of the Lord Bishop of this diocesse, or his Chancellor,
or other lawfull authority? when, and for whom, and by whom
such Tombes and Monuments haue beene so erected?

9 Whether haue you in your Church, any ancient or true
Note, or Teryer of all the glebes, lands, meadowes, gardens,
orchards, houses, stocks, implements, tenements, and portions
of tythes, lying within or without the Parish, which belongs to
your Parsonage or Vicariage, if there be any: Whether is it well
kept and preserved for the good of the succeding Incumbents,
and in what particular place is it kept?

Articles concerning Ecclesiastical Officers.

1 **W**ether doe you know or haue heard of any payment,
composition, or agreement, to, or with the Chancellor,
Register, or other inferior Officers Ecclesiastical, for the
supressing or concealing of any Presentment, Excommunicati-
on, or other Ecclesiastical censure, of, or against Recusants, or
any other Offendors: or for not certifying of Recusants to the
Ordinary, or for not seruing of Processe without a summe of mo-
ney, or other consideration received or promised to any of them in
that respect, and by whom?

2 Whether the Chancellor, Archdeacon, or Officiall, or a
ny other having Ecclesiastical iurisdiction within this Diocesse,
their Registers, or Apparitors haue at any time winked at and
suffered, any adulteries, fornications, incests, or any other faults,
or offences presented unto them to passe and remaine unpunished
and uncorrected, for money, reward, bribes, pleasure, friendship,
or any other partiall respect.

3 Whether the Chancellor, Archdeacon, or Officiall haue
called for, or caused the Churchwardens to make, bring, or to pay
for any more Bills of Presentment then is to the 116. Canon
appointed?

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4 Whether hath any Chancellor, Archdeacon, or Officiall, or any other exercising Ecclesiastall jurisdiction, within this Diocesse, or any Register, Apparitor, or Minister belonging to the same Ecclesiasticall Courts exacted extraordinary, or greater fees then heretofore of late hath beene accustomed, and whether is there a Table of the rates of all fees set vp in their severall Courts and Offices; and whether doe they, or any of them exact or receive greater or more fees then are therein expressed; or whether they or any of them haue taken upon them the Office of Informers or Promoters to the Court, or any other way abused themselves in their Offices contrary to the Law and Canon in that case provided?

5 Whether hath the Chancellor, Archdeacon, or Officiall increased the number of his Apparitors, or appointed any Apparitor above the vsuall number, and wherein, and in what manner is the Countrey ouerburdened and grieved by the said Apparitors. And whether doth any of the said Apparitors cause any parties to appeare in the said Courts without first a presentement, or Citation obtained from the Judge of the Court?

Articles concerning Schoolemasters.

1 **V**Whether recusant Papists are there in your Parish, and whether doe any of them or any other keepe any Schoolemaster in their house, who commeth not to Church to heare Divine Seruice, and receive the Communion? What is his name, and how long hath he taught?

2 Whether the Schoole-master or Schoole-masters within your Parish, openly, or privately in any house, or in any other place be of good and sincere Religion (that is of the Religion establisched in this Realme) life, and conuersation, and be diligent in teaching and bringing vp of youth, and whether they haue beene examined, allowed, and licensed for Schoole-masters by the Lord Bishop of this Diocesse, or his Chancelour.

3 Whether your Schoole-master or Schoole-masters doe themselves receive the holy Communion as often as they ought to doe? and whether doe all their Schollers, which
are 12 this morn 4 be of age sufficient, and of capacite by instruction to receive the

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Lord Supper, come to the Communion, either in the Church, or where their parents dwell, once euery yeare, and be diligent to heare Common prayer?

4 Whether your Schoole-master or Schoole-masters, either private or publique, doe teach their Schollers the Catechisme authorized by publique authoritie, at least once euery weeke, & doe instruct, and examine them in the same; and whether doe they read unto their Schollers privately any unlawfull booke's: or privately instruct them in their young yeares, in Poverty, superstition, schisme, or disobedience, or contempte of his Majestie and his Lawes Ecclesiasticall, by publique authority allowed?

5 Whether your Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters which in your Parish doe teach his or their Schollers any other Grammer, then that which is commonly called the Kings Grammer, set forth by authority of King Henry the eighth: and whether they be negligent in instructing their Schollers in the Catechisme and groundes of Religion, and in bringing them to Church to heare divine seruice and Sermons: whether doe they instruct their Schollers in any other Catechisme then is allowed by publike authority: and whether are they common Officers, Farmers, Artificers, or otherwise intangled in other affaires, that they cannot benefit their Schollers in learning?

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1 **V**Whether any in your Parish or else where neere about the same to your knowledge, or as you haue heard, hath affirmed that the King hath not the same powr in all causes Ecclesiasticall, which the Kings of Israel had, and which the Christian Kings & Emperours had in the Primitive Church? or that hath impeached or gainsaid his Royall Supremacy.

2 Whether doe you know or haue credibly heard of any within your Parish, that denye the Christian Religion, and namely as it is established by publike authoritie, and professed within the Church of England: and whether hath any person (as you haue heard,) affirmed that the Church of England is not a true, Catholike and Apostolick Church, and doth not teach and maintaine the Catholike Faith and Doctrine of the Apostles?

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3 Whether hath any said, or affirmeid, that any thing in the Booke of Common prayere, or in the Booke of Articles of Religion set forth by the Conuocation, Anno Domini 1562. or any of the rites and Ceremonies established in the Church of England are corrupt, wicked, unchristian superstitions, unlawfull, or repugnante to the Scriptures?

4 Whether hath any affirmed, preached or taught, that the forme of making and consecratieng Bishops, Priestes and Deacons, or any thing therein contained, is not agreeable to the word of God? or that the government of the Church vnder the Kings most excellent Maiestie, by Archbishops, Bishops or others, that beare any office therein, is Antichristian, or not agreeable to the word of God? or that hath spoken any reproachfull or disgracefull speeches of the Kings Maiesties Comts Ecclesiasticall, or the proceedings thereof?

5 Whether any in your Parish hath or doeth prophane the Lords day called, Sunday, or other holy-day contrary to the orders of the Church of England prescribed in that behalfe? or whether any persons haue lured in Taverne, or Alehouses on Sundayes, or other Holidayes, or vsed his or their manuell Craft or Trade, or any bodily labor, or kept their shoppes open upon the same dayes or any of them, especially in the time of divine service?

6 Whether hath any in your Parish bawled, quarrelled or stricken, or vsed any violence vnto or with your Minister, or any other parson in the Church or Churcheyard, or vsed himselfe disorderly in the Church or Churcheyard by filthy and prophane talke, or any other rude and immodest behaviour?

7 Whether is that due reverence and humble submission vsed within your Church or Chappell in the time of divine seruite, as by the eighteenth Canon is prescribed, and whether each one in the Church or Chappell doe apply and vroet himselfe there in time of Divine seruite, as by the latter part of the same Canon is most conveniently required?

8 Whether doe the Churchwardens and Dwellers every Sunday and Holiday diligently search who absentes himselfe or her selfe from the Churche? or whether doe they suffer any to abide in the Churche poynt, or Churcheyard in the time of Common prayere or Sermon?

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9 Whether the Churchwardens and Questmen, or any of them, haue forborne (for money, reward, fauour or affection) to present any that were or bee negligent in comming to Church, or whom they haue found as idle persons abzoade, either in the Churchyard or Streets in the tyme of Common Prayer, or Sermons on the Sonday or Holidaies? or any that haue not received the Communion yearly at the feast of Easter, or within a moneth after, according to the Canons?

10 Whether the Churchwardens doe prouide against every Communion, with the aduise of the Minister, a sufficient quantity of fine white bread, and of good and wholesome Wine, for the number of Communicants that shall receive, and that to bee brought in a cleane and sweet standing pot of Pewter or of other pure mettall?

11 Whether haue any in your Parish beene Godfathers or Godmothers to their owne chilzen? or whether your Minister, or any Godfathers or Godmothers haue vsed or doe vse any other forme, answere or speech in Baptisme, then is by the Booke of common Prayer appointed? or doe give the chilzen baptizied any name absurde or inconuenient for so holy an action? or whether any which haue not communicated, haue beene admitted to bee Godfathers or Godmothers contrary to the 29. Canon?

12 Whether doe all Fathers, Mothers, Masters and Mistresses cause their chilzen, seruants and Appenices to come to the Catechisme on the Sundaises and Holydaies before euening Prayer, to heare, and to bee instructed and taught therein? and those that doe not their dutyes herein, you shall present their names?

13 Whether haue you or your Predecessors Churchwardens there suffered any Playes, Feasts, Banquets, Churchales, Drinkings, or any other profane playes to bee kept in your Church, Chappel, Churchyard, or Bells to be rung superstitiously on Holidaies or Eues, abrogated by the Booke of Common Prayer?

14 How many Inhabitantes within your Parish, men or women, aboue the age of sixteene yeeres, doe refuse to frequent diuine seruice, established by publike authority of this Realme, or to receive the holy Communion, or are negligent therein? or coming

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thing to Church, doe depart before the end of divine service, or ser-
mon? what be their names, and of what degree, stace, or trade of
life they are? you are to present them all of each sorte.

15 Whether doe any of the Inhabitantes within the said pa-
rish, entertaine within their houses any Shoymers, Lodgers,
or any common resorters and guests, who refuse to frequent di-
vine service, or to receive the holy communion, as aforesaid, what
be their names, and of what quality or condition are they?

16 Whether any of the said popish Recusantes be of insolent be-
haviour, not without publike offence, or doe boldly busie them-
theselues in seducing or withdrawing others, either abroad, or
in their owne families, by instructing their children in popish re-
ligion, or by refusing to entercaine any, especially in any place of
greatest seruice and trust, but such as concurre with them in opi-
nion of religion, and what be their names that so doe?

17 How long the said popish Recusantes haue either obstinately
abstained, either from divine Service, or from the Communion,
as is aforesaid: whether of any long time, or since his Maiesties
reigne, and how many moneths?

18 Whether there bee any popish Recusant married; or the
childe of any Recusant christened, or any Recusant buried within
your parish, by any other then the Minister of the parish, or whe-
ther the childe of any Recusant remaine unbaptized aboue one
moneth, or be not baptizéd in the parish Church?

19 You shall present how the children of such as refuse to come
to Church are brought vp, under what Schoole-maister, or Tutores,
whom, and in what Schoole, or place?

20 What persons aforesaid within your parish, either for the
offence aforesaid, or for any other contumacy or crime, do remayne
excommunicated? what be their names, and for what cause, and
how long haue they so stood excommunicated? And whether doe
any familiarly vse the company of such as doe obstinately stand ex-
communicated, knowing the same: and what be their names?

21 Whether were you the Churchwardens and Questmen,
chosen by the consent of the Minister and Parishioners? And whether haue the Churchwardens before you giuen vp a full ac-
count for their tyme, of their receipts and disbursements, and de-
livered you whatsoeuer money, or things, or goods, or stockes of
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¶ 1. Whether the Church, which was in their hands : And whether doe you diligently see that all the parishioners doe duly resort to their Church, every Sunday and Holiday, and there continue the whole time of divine Service, and suffer none to stand idle, or walke or sialke in the Church, church-porch, or churchyard during that time?

cc 2. Whether doe all persons above the age of sixteene yeeres, usually resort to heare divine Service upon Sundays and Holidays approued : and whether hath each one of your Parishioners (being above the age of sixteene yeeres, as aforesaid) received the holy Communion thrice this last yeere, and chiefly since at Easter last in your parish Church kneeling ? If no, then you shall present their names that haue not so done :

cc 3. Whether haue you a fit parish Clerke, aged twenty yeeres at least, of honest conversation, and sufficient for reading and writing ; and whether he haue paid his wages without scand, according to the ancient custome of your parish ? If not, then by whom is he so defrauded and denied ? and whether is he chosen by the Parson, or Vicar, or by whom ? And whether is your said Clerke approued and admitted by the Lord Bishop of this Diocese, or his Chancellor ? and doth he keepe cleane and decente the ornaments of the Church ?

cc 4. Whether haue any in your parish bin married within the prohibited degrees forbidden by the Law, & expresse in a certain Table, published by authority, An. 1563. if yea, then you shall present their names ; and whether is the said Table publikely set up in your Church, and fastened to some convenient place there ?

5. Whether doe any heretofore divorced, or married and not divorced, keepe company at bed and board as man and wife, with other man or woman, then with the person that he or she was married unto ? what be their names, when and where were they married, and how long haue they so continued together ? and whether any husband and wife in your parish are apart each from other ?

6. Whether haue you in your parish, to your knowledge, or you haue heard by common fame and report, any which haue committed adultery, fornication, or incest, which haue not beene publikely punished to your knowledge ? if yea, then with whom ?

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26 Of any man that hath attempted the chastity of any woman; or any who haue committed incontinency together before they were married? or any in your parish suspected to be daudes, harbourers or receivers of such persons, or suspected of any of the crimes aforesaid? if yea, then with whom?

27 Whether haue you any in your parish which are by common fame and report, or vehement suspicion, reputed and taken to be common drunckards, blasphemers of Gods holy name, common and usuall swearers, filthy speakers, raylers, sowers of discord among their neighbours, or speakers against ministers marriages, Usurers, contrarie to the statute made in the seuen and thirteenth yeare of King Henry the eighte, simonaicall persons, fighters, brawlers or quarrellers in Church or Church yard? you shall present their names.

28 Whether haue any in your parish received or harboured any woman with child, that was not before an householder in your parish, or gotten with childe out of wedlocke, and suffered her to depart againe without punishment first inflicted by the Ordinance: you shall present as well the partie harbouring as harboured, and who is suspected to bee the fater of the childe, and whos hand helpe to conuey her away?

29 Whether any person or persons, suspected or detected heretofore of incontinency, and therfore departing out of your parish, is now returned againe, or in what place is hee or shee now abiding to your knowledge, or as you haue heard, and whether he or shee hath done any penance, or else escaped without penance, and by what and whose meanes? you shall not fail to present the whole truthe in that behalfe.

30 Whether haue you any in your Parish, which live together as man and wife, and yet are not knowne by whom, where, or when they were married? And herein you are especially to enquire of those who are Recusants, or whereof the one of them is a Recusant or Sectary: Present your knowledge herein, and what the common fame and report is among your neighbours.

31 Whether any within your Parish, or else where within this Diocesse, haue retained or kept in their custody, or read, sell,

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bitter, dispense, or deliver to any others, any English or Latine Books or Libels, set forth and printed either on this side, or beyond the seas, by Papists or Sectaries against the Kings Supremacy in causes Ecclesiastical, or tending to Popery, Puritanisme, or any other sect, error, or heresie, against the true and Catholike Religion and Doctrine now publikely professed in this Church, or the government and discipline of the Church of England established by authority, that you know or haue heard of, what their names and surnames are?

32 Whether haue you in your Parish any, which heretofore being Popish Recusants or Sectaries, haue since conformed themselves, and come to the Church to heare Divine Service, and receive the Sacrament? If yea, then who they are? and how long since haue they so conformed themselves, and whether doe they still abide in that conformity?

33 Whether are there in your Parish any Wills not yet proved, or goods of the dead dying intestate, left unadministred by authority of the Ordinary in that behalfe? And whether any possesse the goods of any persons deceased without authority from the Ordinary? you shall not fail to present the Executors, and all other culpable therein, and how many persons possessed of goods and chattels haue dyed within your Parish, since the second of April now last past, and present their names.

34 Is there any Legacy giuen to the Church, or to any other good and godly uses, as relief of the poore, orphanes, poore-schollars, poore maidens marriages, schooles, highwayes, and such like, which is not yet performed? If there be any such, you shall present what you know, or can learne thereof, and by whose default the same is not performed?

35 Whether any of your Parishioners, having a Preacher to their Parson, Vicar, or Curate, doe absent themselves from his Sermons, and resort to any other place to heare other Preachers, or refuse to receive the holy Communion at their Ministers hands? And whether any other Minister hath received to the Communion any of your Parish? And specifie the names both of the Minister and of the Parishioner.

36 Whether there be in your parish any Inholders, Alehouse-keepers, Victuallers, or Tiplers, that suffer or doe admit any per-

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36. Of persons into their houses, to eate, drinke, playr vse, carous, tables, bowles, or such like games in the time of Common prayer, or Sermon, or Sundauies, or Holi daies : or any Butchers, Et- ciuallers, Mercers, or any of any other trade or occupation, vse to keepe their shop windowes open, or sell their meat, victuals, ware, or merchandizes, or otherwise use their trade or occupation on Sundauies or Holi daies, especially in the time of Common prayer or sermon? or whether any marketes or selling of wares be vsed or suffered in any Church-yard on the Sunday, by common Pack-men, or Pedlet's going about, or any Butcher?

37. Whether any married woman within your Parish, after childe-birth, refuse or neglect to come to Church, to give God thankes for her safe deliuerie, and to haue the prayers publikely ap- pointed by the Booke of Common prayer?

38. Is there any in your parish, who refuse to haue their chil- dren baptiz'd, or themselves to receive the Communion, at the hand of your Minister, because he is no Preacher? or whether any keepe their children longer unbaptiz'd then is convenient, unlesse it be for the sicknesse of the childe, or other vrgent occasion? and whe- ther any doe carry their childe or chiloren from their owne parish, to any other parish to be baptiz'd, and to what other parish? who baptiz'd such a childe, and whose childe it was? or whether haue you in your parish any childe or chiloren which are not yet knowne to you or to your Minister to be baptiz'd? And herein you are es- pecially to enquire of those children, whose parents, or one of them, are Recusants.

39. Whether doe you know, or haue heard of any Patron in your parish that hath made gaine by any colour, deceit, or simo- niacall compact, in bestowing his benefice for gaine, or receyving money, or promise of the leaue of the whole, or part, or by reser- ving his owne tithes, or any pension to himselfe, or any other?

40. Whether the Almes-houses or hospitals in your parish are well and godly used and vndered, according to the foundation and ordinaunces of the same, and whether there be any other placed in them, then poore, impotent, and needy persons, that haue not wherewithal or inheretance to liue? and by whose default are they not auoyded and kept?

41. What Ministers haue you in your parish, of what skill are they?

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they accounted of for that office, and whether are they licenced by their Ordinary to execute the same?

42 Whether haue you any in your parish that practise physick
or surgery, of what skill are they accounted for their profession,
and whether voe they practise without a particular licence from
the L. Bishop of this Diocese, or his Chancellour?

c 43 Whether any in your parish hath or doe refuse to contribute
towards the reparation of the Church, and to the provision of such
things as belong therunto.

44 Whether the fifth of Nouember bee kept in your Parish,
with prayer and thanksgiving to Almighty God, in such forme
as is by publike authority appointed for those dayes?

45 Lastly, if you know any matter of Ecclesiasticall cogni-
tance, worthy the presentment in your iudgemente, heretofore in
these Articles not expressed, and which is fit to bee reformed
by Ecclesiasticall Censure, you shall likewise
present the same by vertue of
your Datches.

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